

Appl. No. 10/664,011  
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Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 36-61 have been added in this amendment to further define and claim applicant's disclosure.

The specification has been amended to further identify that the present application is a continuation patent application from non-provisional patent application Serial No. 10/190,228, filed on July 3, 2002, and entitled "Die Press with Integral Cover and Guides and Improved Die Feed System," issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,619,195. The application as filed identified the present application as a continuation patent application. See Cover Page and page 1 of application.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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